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COORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

Letter dated 14 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, for the inclusion in the agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is annexed to this request.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

The question of interaction between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) acquired a new dimension after the CSCE Summit in Helsinki in early July 1992.

Opening of a fundamental discussion relating to ways of coordination between the two bodies has been recently emphasized by the developments in the former Yugoslavia, namely, by the suggestion of the United Nations Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, that the CSCE considers what role the CSCE could play in responding to the peace-keeping requirements in the former Yugoslavia, in particular whether the CSCE would be in a position to establish and manage a mechanism for supervising the heavy weapons of the parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

These questions represent just two concrete elements of the discussion that should take place in the United Nations relating to this issue and which should embrace the philosophical as well as concrete aspects of the mutual interaction between the United Nations and CSCE.

It is in the same context that a meeting on a working level with the participation of the representatives of CSCE, the European Communities, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Council of Europe, the Western European Union and the United Nations is to take place in September to discuss the idea of an inter-locking system of main European and transatlantic institutions in the light of conclusions of the 1992 Helsinki Summit.

The title of the new agenda item of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations should read "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe".